

Harambee Ombudsman Program, and the Children's Performing Arts Group that has evolved into the renowned Ko Thi Dance Company.

Reuben has also been an outstanding advocate for our African-American community in Milwaukee. He has written forewords for several books about African-American history in Milwaukee. He voluntarily conducts tours of Black Milwaukee, which brings a real-life perspective to his work in African-American history. A multitude of African-American programs and organizations are indebted to his service including the NTU African Rites of Passage Program, the Asentu Adult Rites of Passage Institute, the Black Holocaust Museum, and the Milwaukee 100 Black Men Group. In fact, it was on Reuben's invitation to a gathering that I met with Martin Luther King, Jr., during one of his few visits to Milwaukee many years ago.

Even after retirement, he continues to be a great leader in the community. Most notably, he joined the Helen Bader Foundation. Through this he is able to help programs and centers secure the funds they need to function and more successfully serve the community.

The work he has done for Milwaukee continues to grow as the many people he has inspired are starting to follow in his footsteps. I would like to specifically note the Volunteer Reading Tutoring Program at the UWM Reading Clinic. A truly great person is one who not only does great works but also inspires other to do so as well.

I am proud to call Reuben a fellow Wisconsite and a dear friend. I wish him and his lovely wife Mildred good health, happiness, and many more years to come.●

#### CONGRATULATING EILEEN COLLINS

● Mrs. GILLIBRAND. Mr. President, I would like to add to the RECORD my most heartfelt congratulations to Eileen Collins for her recent induction into the National Aviation Hall of Fame. As an Elmira, NY, native, Eileen is the first female pilot and commander of a NASA shuttle. She has orbited the Earth 573 times. As a child, Eileen was inspired to be a pilot by watching the planes over the Elmira-Corning Regional Airport and the Harris Hill glider field. She joined the Air Force in 1978 and was recruited to join NASA as one of its earliest female pilots in 1990. The communities of New York's Southern Tier are so proud of Eileen's historic achievements.

As the first female pilot and shuttle commander, Eileen Collins is an inspiration and true role model to girls and young women nationwide. Her achievements prove that women everywhere can, and should, reach for the stars.●

#### CONGRATULATING ABBY WAMBACH

● Mrs. GILLIBRAND. Mr. President, I would like to add to the RECORD my most heartfelt congratulations to Abby Wambach for her history making 100th goal. This achievement is only the fifth in women's USA soccer history that 100 goals have been scored by one player. As this goal is felt throughout the USA and worldwide soccer community, I especially want to recognize how much Abby and her remarkable achievement mean to the Rochester community. As seen by the cheering in her game on July 19, there is no more fitting place to achieve this momentous goal and Rochester could not be prouder.

Abby Wambach has made a lasting impression on the women's USA soccer team and has inspired generations of young women throughout New York and the Nation. She has helped her team win Olympic gold in Athens and countless World Cup matches. I applaud her tremendous achievement and it is my hope that her accomplishment will inspire countless generations of our youth to strive for excellence.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:38 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills and joint resolution:

H.R. 509. An act to reauthorize the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004, and for other purposes.

H.R. 556. An act to establish a program of research, recovery, and other activities to provide for the recovery of the southern sea otter.

H.R. 1035. An act to amend the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 to honor the legacy of Stewart L. Udall, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1293. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the amount payable by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to veterans for improvements and structural alterations furnished as part of home health services.

H.R. 1803. An act to amend the Small Business Act to establish a Veterans Business Center program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1807. An act to provide distance learning to potential and existing entrepreneurs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3325. An act to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to reauthorize for 1 year the Work Incentives Planning and Assistance program and the Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security program.

H.J. Res. 44. Joint Resolution recognizing the service, sacrifice, honor, and professionalism of the Noncommissioned Officers of the United States Army.

At 2:25 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following act, without amendment:

S. 1513. An act to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills and joint resolution were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 509. An act to reauthorize the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 556. An act to establish a program of research, recovery, and other activities to provide for the recovery of the southern sea otter; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 1293. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the amount payable by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to veterans for improvements and structural alterations furnished as part of home health services; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1803. An act to amend the Small Business Act to establish a Veterans Business Center program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 1807. An act to provide distance learning to potential and existing entrepreneurs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 3325. An act to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to reauthorize for 1 year the Work Incentives Planning and Assistance program and the Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security program; to the Committee on Finance.

H.J. Res. 44. Joint resolution recognizing the service, sacrifice, honor, and professionalism of the Noncommissioned Officers of the United States Army; to the Committee on Armed Services.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2505. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement to include the export of technical data, defense services, and defense articles to Israel for equipment installation and support services related to the Digital Army Program on behalf of the Israeli Ministry of Defense in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2506. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement to include the export of technical data, defense services, and defense articles to Turkey to perform maintenance and service of F110-GE-100 and F110-GE-129 aircraft engines installed on Turkish Air Force F-16 in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2507. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of an application for a license for the export of technical data, defense services, and defense articles to Australia for future commercial activities related to the IS-22 Commercial Communications Satellite and its associated ground network in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2508. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement to include the export of technical data, defense services, and defense articles to Germany for the manufacture of chemical defense fabrics; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2509. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, a report concerning an amendment to Part 123 of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2510. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the export of defense articles, including technical data, defense services, and hardware for the manufacture of the AN/GPA-124 IFF Coder/Decoder and the AN/GPM-64 Test Set for Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2511. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the export of defense articles, including technical data, defense services, and hardware to support the manufacture, modernization, upgrade, and overhaul of the M113 Family of Vehicles in Turkey in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2512. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the export of defense articles, including technical data, defense services, and hardware for the manufacture of Mk 46 Torpedo assemblies and components for Japan in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2513. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of defense articles, including technical data, defense services, and hardware to Singapore, and the United Kingdom to support the manufacture of display monitors, display assembly kits, and display unit subassemblies for Raytheon Company in the amount of \$50,000,000 or

more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2514. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2009-0088—2009-0089); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2515. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel of the Division of Regulatory Services, National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers" (CFDA No. 84.133B) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2009; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2516. A communication from the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Fiscal Year 2008 Performance Report to Congress; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2517. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Letter Report: Sufficiency Certification for the Washington Convention Center Authority's Projected Revenues and Excess Reserve to Meet Projected Operating and Debt Service Expenditures and Reserve Requirements for Fiscal Year 2010"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2518. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-137, "Boys and Girls Club of Greater Washington Property Acquisition Temporary Act of 2009" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 27, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2519. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-139, "Closing of a Paper Alley in Square 5401, S.O. 07-121, Act of 2009" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 27, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2520. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Privacy Activity Report for 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2521. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-138, "Commission on Uniform State Laws Appointment Authorization Temporary Act of 2009" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 27, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2522. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2008-0020)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2523. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice on Treatment of Fails Charges for Purposes of Sections 871, 881, 1441, and 1442" (Notice 2009-61)

received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2524. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Certain Cost-Sharing Payments; Forest Health Protection Program" (Rev. Rul. 2009-23) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2525. A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Elimination of Requirements for Prior Signature Consent and Pre- and Post Test Counseling for HIV Testing" (RIN2900-AN20) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2009; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2526. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination in the position of Director of the Peace Corps, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2009; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. DODD, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1533. An original bill to provide an extension of public transportation programs authorized under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (Rept. No. 111-61).

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution, Fiscal Year 2010" (Rept. No. 111-62).

By Mr. BAUCUS, from the Committee on Finance:

Report to accompany S.J. Res. 17, A joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 111-63).

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Gary L. North, to be General.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Frank Gorenc, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. Ronnie D. Hawkins, Jr., to be Major General.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Philip M. Breedlove, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Raymond E. Johns, Jr., to be General.

Air Force nomination of Colonel Howard B. Baker, to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nomination of Brigadier General Noel T. Jones, to be Major General.

Air Force nomination of Col. Bart O. Iddins, to be Brigadier General.

Army nominations beginning with Col. Thomas E. Ayres and ending with Col. John W. Miller II, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 23, 2009.